

KENNEL HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM
Open 24 hours to receive animals

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM

ADOPTION HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM

PHONE NUMBERS

Adoptions & Licensing 361-1318
Service Requests 363-6609

Officers on duty, 7 AM-11 PM



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Visit us on the web

Find out more about Metro Animal Services by going to the Louisville Metro website at: www.louisvilleky.gov. Click on Departments, then, go to Animal Services. You'll be able to view adoptable animals, print a license form, review the Animal Care and Control Ordinance and find out more about what we do.

Licensing Your Pet

Metro Animal Services is dedicated to protecting the citizens of Louisville Metro from animal related problems. Our goal is to reduce the need for animal control by encouraging spaying and neutering, as well as public awareness and education programs regarding responsible pet ownership and ordinances concerning animals.

Licenses and rabies vaccinations are required for dogs and cats four months of age and older. License fees for altered pets are \$7.00. Licenses for unaltered pets are \$35.00 which includes a \$25.00 rebate towards the cost of a spay/neuter procedure. In order to license your pet you must have proof of rabies vaccination.

Not only will owning an altered pet lower the cost of licensing, but your animal will live longer and be a happier, healthier pet. Altered pets are less likely to roam or fight. A spayed female will not produce unwanted litters or have to be confined while in heat.

By encouraging spaying and neutering to reduce the number of unwanted puppies and kittens, we will reduce the number of homeless animals that must be euthanized.

Cruelty Investigations

One of Metro Animal Services primary functions is to respond and identify cases of cruelty and inhumane treatment. Cruelty can be a result of intent or neglect. In either case, Louisville Metro has one of the most comprehensive Ordinances in the country. We were the first municipality to prohibit chaining as an exclusive means of restraint. Our officers are on the streets daily striving to protect and care for the animals in our community.

Lost & Found

The best way to be sure you are reunited with your pet is if it wears its current rabies, license and ID tags at all times. If you do lose your pet and it comes into Metro Animal Services care it is much easier for a reunion when your pet is wearing its tags. If your dog is brought to our shelter it will be held as a stray for 5 days. The five days start the day your pet arrives. It is very important that you check our facility as often as possible. A minimum of every two days is recommended. Metro Animal Services does not attempt to identify animals over the telephone. We realize that actually visiting us isn't always convenient. However, our shelter houses hundreds of animals on a daily basis. If we make a mistake identifying your pet it could cost it its life. Your pet is worth the trip to our facility. After the stray time is expired your pet may be adopted in to a new home.

Adoptions

With thousands of animals coming through our facility every year we have a lot of great animals in need of new homes. Adopting a shelter animal is one of the most rewarding things an animal lover can do. Our knowledgeable kennel staff will be happy to assist you in choosing a pet that will be compatible with your lifestyle.

Adoption Facility Fund

Metro Animal Services facility at Crums Lane and Manslick Road was built in 1966 and has seen very little improvement since that time. Our goal is to build a new state-of-the-art shelter that will increase our ability to keep and adopt more animals, provide medical care to many more animals in need and to offer educational programs. If you would like to support us in our efforts to increase our level of customer service for the people and animals in our community, please send your tax deductible donation to:

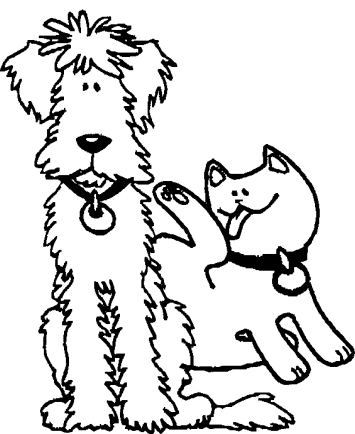
**Metro Animal Services
Adoption Facility Fund
P.O. Box 16346
Louisville, KY 40256**

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Metro Animal Services
Louisville's Animal Care Authority



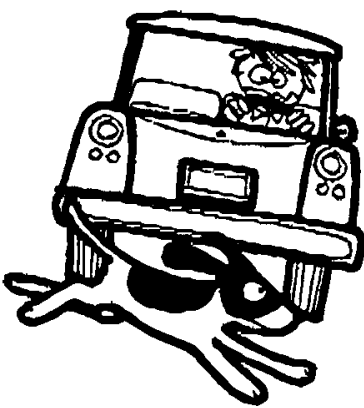
ANIMAL SAFETY
LAWS THAT EVERY PET OWNER SHOULD KNOW
The laws in Louisville Metro were adopted to protect the health and safety of both the animals and the people in our community.



Vaccination & License
Annual licenses and current rabies vaccines are required for dogs and cats four months of age or older in Louisville Metro. Your pet must get a rabies vaccine before it can be licensed. Law requires that your pet's rabies

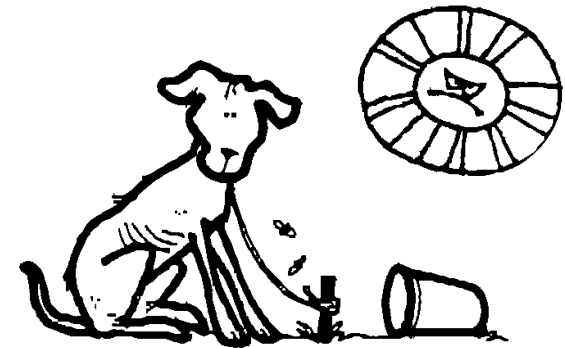
tag and license tag be worn on a collar or harness. License fees are only \$7.00 for animals that have been spayed or neutered. An annual license is \$35 for animals that have not been altered. Included in that fee is a \$25 rebate towards a spay or neuter surgery for the animal.

Running Loose
Louisville Metro has a leash law for dogs and cats. Dogs must be restrained in a fenced or locked enclosure, or inside a secure structure such as a kennel or a house. Dogs taken off of an owner's property must be kept on a leash at all times. Cats and other animals must be kept under restraint if off the property.



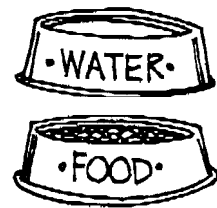
INHUMANE TREATMENT – PROVIDING NECESSITIES

Chaining
It is illegal to control your dog by keeping it chained. A dog or puppy may only be restrained by a chain attached to a fixed-point or tethered (tied up) for up to one (1) hour a day (in a twenty-four (24) hour period). Exclusively chaining a dog creates aggression as well as other undesirable behaviors. It's also a pretty crummy way to live!



No shelter/lack of shade
By law you must provide a proper shelter at all times and shade on sunny days. A doghouse is not considered shade. A doghouse should be the proper size. Bigger is not better. A dog should be able to stand up to turn around and lay down. The shelter should have a dry floor and have proper insulation to keep the dog warm in cold weather.

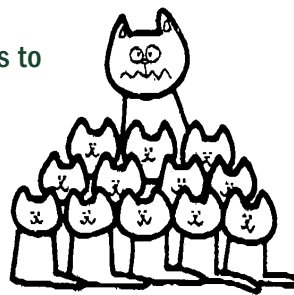
No Water/Food
Fresh water should be available to your dog at all times. Your dog should be fed on a daily basis.



Unhealthy Conditions
Your dog's environment should be free of feces and garbage. The dog should be able to walk and lay down without coming into contact with its own waste or any debris. The area should be dry and safe for the animal.

Lack of Vet Care
You are required by law to get vet care for any animal in your care that is sick or injured.

Female in Heat
Any female dog or cat needs to be confined in a building or secure enclosure so that it cannot come into contact with another animal and become pregnant.



Abandonment
It is illegal to leave an animal alone without someone to feed, water and check on the animal's condition for a period of over 24 hours.

Quarantine Animal Bites
Any animal that has bitten or scratched someone needs to be quarantined for 10 days. Quarantined means that it is isolated and cannot come in contact with any other mammal.



Keeping Wildlife Captive
It is illegal for a private individual to keep wildlife, such as but not limited to, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, wolves, wolf hybrids, bears, pumas, etc., or exotics such as: lions, tigers, kangaroos, anteaters, etc.



Illegal Sale of Puppies or Kittens
The law only allows you to sell or giveaway puppies or kittens at your home or place of business. An individual is prohibited from selling, "adopting" or giving away animals from any public place.



Barking Dogs
A barking dog can be a neighbor's nightmare. It is a violation for a dog to bark or howl excessively. In addition to the Metro Animal Services enforcement efforts, citizens may file a complaint for such a violation through the District Court system.

